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Scheme for special training of teachers in Delhi

2702. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to formulate a scheme to provide special training to teachers' of Delhi in order to improve the standard of education; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Delhi Administration have initiated various programmes for providing traning to the teachers of Delhi with a view to improving the standard of education. Some of the measures taken in this regard are as under:—

(i) The State Council of Educational Research and Training has been conducting various orientation programmes;

(ii) Two District Institutes of Education and Training have been set up to provide training for primary and upper-primary teachers;

(iii) For Principals, orientation programmes on National Policy on Education have been/are being on ganised; and

(iv) Training for vocational teachers are also being organised.

Railway Hospitals in the country

2703. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Railway Hospitals in the country, zone-wise;

(b) what is the number of patients who were treated by these hospitals during the last three years;

(c) what is the number of medical officers, nurses and compounders working in these hospitals as on March 31, 1989; and

(d) what is the number of hospitals which are proposed to be opened in the current and next financial years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) A statement is attached. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 63].

Ticketless Passengers nabbed during January 1988 to March 1989

2704. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ticketless passengers apprehended during the period from 1st January, 1988 to March 31, 1989, zone-wise; and

(b) what amount of fine was realised from the passengers during this period; and the number of those convicted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS